Designer bogies

2060. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a detailed proposal has been formulated to offer 'designer' bogies for the high-end tourists and some other value added tour packages, including tourist cars, domestic tourist trains, luxury trains, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details therof and the present status of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Transfer of vendorship

2061. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether vide letter No. 92-TG-III/600/42 dated 11th October, 1993, Railway Board directed to transfer vendorship of deceased commission vendors to their sons/relatives;

(b) how many applications for transfer of vendorship were pending with Railway/IRCTC as on 11th October, 1993 and 30th November, 2005;

(c) whether all those applications have already been granted; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Ministry of Railways (Railway Board)'s instructions stipulate, "in eventualities of death of commission vendors, where transfer of vendor licence to the son/legal heir of the deceased could be considered on sympathetic grounds and as per guidelines issued earlier".

(b) to (d) About 60 applications have been received. Such requests are considered as per policy.